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Applicant: Pontbriand
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Title: PLASTIC POWDER FILLED EPOXY PAINT FOR TUBING

RESPONSE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2002. Claims 15, 16, 19 and 20 remain in this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 15 and 19 and cancel claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, 17 and 18.

15. (AMENDED) A method of coating metal tubing comprising the steps of:

- (1) applying an epoxy coating containing epoxy paint and plastic particles onto an outer surface of a metal tubing and said plastic particles in said epoxy coating form a crust;
- (2) curing said coating on said metal tubing; and
- (3) applying a substrate to said metal tubing prior to being covered by said epoxy coating.

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